Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are doing it. But it depends upon the belief of the patient. Some may prefer quinine to these pills.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* How is the work done in Malakkippara?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think a grant of Rs. 500 is paid.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* In Nelliampathies.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is answered here.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know the machinery by which you do this.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Through the Public Health Department. A supervisor and coolies are appointed. The same work as is being done in Chittur.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is the amount spent in the Nelliampathies the same every year?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* In view of the increased cost of quinine, a proportionate increase in the allotment may be effected.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not think there is any dearth of money now. Because we have made provisions for 6 coolies and one supervisor and we are supplying them with Pyrothram extract.

RECRUITMENT OF DISTRICT JUDGES, ETC.

135. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of direct recruitments to the post of District Judges and additional District Judges during the last 5 years;

(*b*) what is the number of promotions from the Judiciary to the posts in (*a*) during the period in (*a*)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 1.

(*b*) 4.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know who is the gentleman referred to in the answer to sub-division (a).

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu.

PRACTICE OF OBTAINING FEES FOR AFFIDAVITS

136. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the practice of taking 4 annas for every affidavit certified by Head clerks, etc., if so, will Government stop the practice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Government are not aware of such a practice.

COMMUNAL REPRESENTATION

137. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the first leader published in the "Sahodaran" Newspaper in its issue, dated the 8th May 1943, in which it has been proved by quoting figures as given in Appendix VI of Cochin Administration Report of 1117, that Ezhuvas and Muslims have got only nominal representation in the higher grades of Government Service;

(*b*) what steps Government propose to take in order to remove the inequality of representation referred to above?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The inequalities pointed out are not such as could be remedied all on a sudden.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Is it not a fact that even now appointments in the higher grade go to over-represented communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That is a difficult question to answer. If any particular appointment is mentioned then I may be able to answer.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether efficiency is not taken as a serious test?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: What is the policy adopted by the present Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Claims of un-represented communities are also considered.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know whether any special regard is shown to unrepresented communities.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Which are the unrepresented communities of the State?

Mr. President: Not unrepresented; but under-represented.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: May I know whether efficiency is the monopoly of certain communities.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is not.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know the number of Munsiffs promoted as District Judges.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Four.

ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS SENT BY M.L.Cs.

138. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the method adopted for answering questions by M.L.Cs.;

(*b*) are they answered according to the priority of receipt;

(*c*) can any officer see to it that certain questions are shelved;

(*d*) will it be strictly ordered that all questions should be answered according to priority?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) After they are admitted, the questions are distributed to the respective departments of the Secretariat who in their turn collect the necessary information from the respective Heads of Departments, if the information is not readily available in the Secretariat itself. On receipt of the necessary materials they are scrutinised and answers are prepared in the Secretariat and then those answers are transmitted to the Law Department who arrange for their printing.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No. On the other hand Government wish to answer all the questions received if they can possibly do it.

(*d*) This will hinder prompt answering of questions.

ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

139. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether in pursuance of the repeated resolutions of the Council Government have made any move for enlarging the scope of the Constitutional Reforms in the direction of grant of responsible Government and if so, when will such reforms come into effect;

(*b*) whether Government have considered the necessity for allowing the Legislative Council to elect its own President?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) The question has not escaped the attention of Government.

(*b*) Not, so far.

TANNERIES, CHALAKKUDI

140. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Tanneries in Chalakkudi has been sold or leased to any one; if so on what conditions;

(*b*) whether any one offered to conduct the Tanneries as tanneries; if so on what conditions;

(*c*) whether the Manager of Techno Chemical Industries, Calicut applied for getting the same; if so on what conditions;

(*d*) whether Government advertised in the papers regarding this?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) About 10 acres of the Cochin Tanneries premises has been leased to the Standard Furniture Co. Ltd., Kallai for 25 years for starting a Plywood Factory on a yearly rent of

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